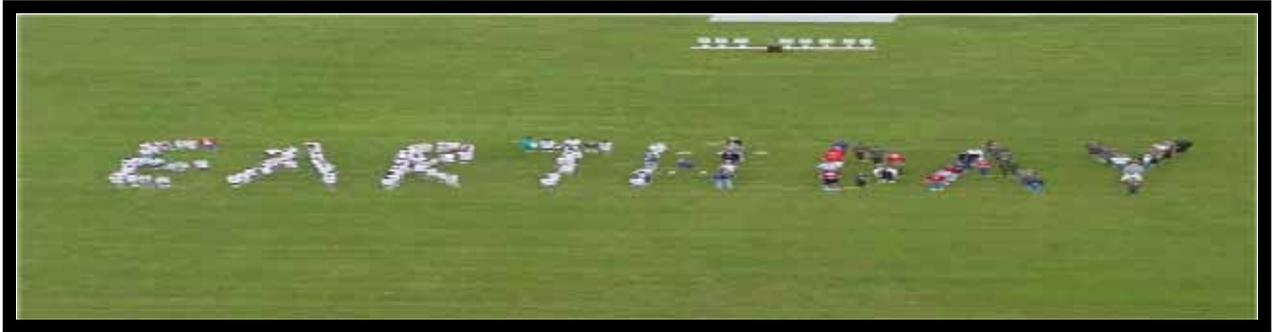


Fort McClellan Earth Day Events



Fort McClellan started their Earth Day events with the Walter Wellborn Elementary School. The students lined up to form the words Earth Day and decorated paper grocery bags with environmental messages. Before Earth Day, the week of April 17th, these bags were passed out to shoppers for their purchases from a local grocery store.



The Training Center Director, LTC Charles Keith presented the school with several trees to be planted at the school with a sign from the Training Center. Our Biologist, Jim Ratcliffe, talked to the children about Threatened & Endangered Species and showed pictures of the ones that we manage at our training range. The local game warden was also involved. She brought a white mouse and a brown rat for the children to see. They had a climbing wall, a moonwalk and a train to ride as well. Another event was the Superfund ABC March, where each letter stands for a different item and each student told what the letter stands for:

- **A** is for Air (EPA cleans up the air we breath)
- **B** is for Bulldozer (Bulldozers remove polluted dirt)
- **C** is for Community (The community works together to clean up the environment)
- **D** is for Dump (Don't dump pollution in the water)
- **E** is for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA helps clean up pollution across the US)
- **F** is for Fences (Fences protect us from touching pollution)
- **G** is for Groundwater (Groundwater is beneath the soil)
- **H** is for Hazardous (Pollution can be hazardous to our health)
- **I** is for Industry (Industry and EPA work together to clean up pollution)
- **J** is for Junk (Junk clutters up the environment)
- **K** is for Kids (kids help protect the environment)
- **L** is for Landfill (Garbage and waste sometimes go to the landfill)
- **M** is for Mercury (Mercury is harmful to touch or eat)
- **N** is for Neighborhood (Neighborhoods get help from EPA to clean up pollution)
- **O** is for Off-Limits (Polluted sites are off limits to kids and grown-ups)
- **P** is for Pollution (Pollution can be in the air, water or land)
- **Q** is for Quickly (Pollution needs to be cleaned up quickly)
- **R** is for Remove (EPA helps remove pollution from our community)
- **S** is for Soil (Soil is dirt. Sometimes pollution gets into the soil)
- **T** is for Toxic (If something is Toxic, it is bad for you)
- **U** is for Underground (Sometimes pollution leaks underground)
- **V** is for Voice (Use your voice to speak up against pollution)
- **W** is for Waste (Hazardous waste can hurt the environment)
- **X** is for X-ray (EPA X-rays soil to look for pollution underground)
- **Y** is for YUK! (Yuk is what people say when



- they see pollution)
- **Z** is for ZAP (Help Zap away pollution)

Two bicycles were donated by a local store. Boy's names went in one box and girl's names went in another box and one name from each box won a bike. Participants had lots of activities to be involved in and had a great time.

